(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
33.	Delhi	110.10	1.7.2004
34.	Lakshadweep	$	
35.	Pondicherry*		
	Pondicherry	45.00 to 54.00 for 5	21.6.2002
	Mahe Region	Hours	
		120.00 for light work	25.1.2005
	Yanam Region	(proposed for 8	25.1.2005
	Karaikal	Hours)	
		160.00 for hard work	
		-do-	8.7.2003
		55.00 to 75.00 for6	
		Hours	21.6.2002
		45.00 to 54.00 for 5	
		Hours	
	Central Sphere	102.00 to 114.00	16.6.2005

* No provision of Variable Dearness Allowance in the State. $ Not available.

The minimum wages also include the variable dearness allowance, wherever provided.

Construction of National Highway in Bihar

*276. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a National Highway f[om Chakia to Bairgania and Motihari to Sitamarhi in Bihar;

(b) whether construction of such a road is necessary in the interest of security of the country; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to expedite the work?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TR. BAALU): (a) There is an existing road connection between Chakia and Bairgania in Bihar of which 13km length is part of National Highway 28 and National Highway 104 and 35.5 km is part of the State

roads. Motihari-Sitamarhi road is a State Highway. There is no proposal to declare these State roads as National Highway. In February, 2004, the Ministry has declared 7457 kms of State roads including 225 kms in Bihar as National Highways. Presently, the emphasis is on development of roads already declared as National Highways.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal to declare these roads as National Highways from security consideration.

Generating employment in Maharashtra

*277. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the problem of unemployment is increasing day by day as well as employment in the organised sector is also declining in the last two years in the country particularly in the Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, Government's response and reaction thereto,

(c) whether Government are considering any specific programmes for generating more employment in the country specially in the Maharashtra State during the next three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Results of the most recent quinquennial survey on employment and unemployment, which was completed in July 2005, are not available as yet. However, as per the previous two such surveys, the incidence of unemployment increased from 5.99% in 1993-94 to 7.32% in 1999-2000 at All India level, and from 5.09% to 7.16% in Maharashtra. Employment in organised sector at All India level declined from 27.96 million, as on 31.3.2000 to 26.98 million, as on 31.3.2003, and in Maharashtra State it declined from 3.76 million to 3.59 million in the same period.

(b) A higher growth of the economy especially in the labour intensive sectors is required to attain a growth in employment in excess of labour force.

(c) and (d) The Tenth Plan includes a number of programmes to increase